AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the method of the invention a variety of opioids may be used. Thus, the opioid may be selected from those which are effective a nalgesics and particularly those which need to be administered at relatively high or increasing doses. Examples include morphine, or a salt thereof such as the sulphate, chloride or hydrochloride, other analgesics such as, meperidine, pentazocine, dextromoramide, diphenoxylate, dipipanone, meptazinol, methadone, nalbuphine, phenadoxone, phenazocine, remifentanil, tramadol, or the other 1,4-hydroxymorphinan opioid analgesics such as naloxone, meperidine, butorphanol, or phenazocine, or morphine-6glucuronide, codeine, dihydrocodeine, diamorphine, dextropropoxyphene, pethidine, fentanyl, alfentanil, alphaprodine, buprenorphine, dextromoramide, diphenoxylate, dipipanone, heroin (diacetylmorphine), hydrocodone (dihydrocodeinone), hydromorphone (dihydromorphinone), levorphanol, meptazinol, methadone, metopon (methyldihydromorphinone), nalbuphine, oxycodone (dihydrohydroxycodeinone), oxymorphone (dihydrohydroxymorphinone), phenadoxone, phenazocine, remifentanil, tramadol, or a salt of any of these the aforementioned.